

will tend to increase the average length of time taken. However, NCDOT's customers see a project that just "sits" in the TIP and equate this with delay.

Exhibit III-3: Length of Time from Year of TIP Inclusion to Let Date – 430 Projects Let January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2003.

Type of Project	Number of Years									
	0-4 Years		4-8 Years		8-12 Years		> 12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Bridge	1	1	98	40	134	55	9	4	242	100
Interstate	21	61	5	15	2	6	6	18	34	100
Rural	35	38	5	5	14	15	46	42	92	100
Urban	7	10	14	23	20	33	21	34	62	100
All projects	54		124		170		82		430	

Source: Project Master Scheduling System, TIP Programming Key, and NCDOT files.

Duration by Project Type (TIP to let date):

- Rural and urban projects are taking the most time; a third of all urban projects take over 12 years.

Exhibit III-4 shows the distribution of project durations from TIP inclusion to let date by type of project. Over two-thirds of rural projects took over 10 years and over one-half of all urban projects took 10 years.